

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In paragraph one of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawing of the present application under 37 CFR §1.83(a) because they failed to show descriptive legends as described in the specification. In response, Applicant has herein made annotations to sole Figure 1 so as to provide the necessary detail for proper understanding of the disclosed invention. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner's objection be withdrawn.

In paragraph two of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure in the present application because of undue length. In response, however, Applicant respectfully submits that the Abstract contains exactly 150 words. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the present Abstract is in full compliance with U.S. Patent Guidelines and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the Examiner's objection.

Claims 3 and 4 remain in this application. Claim 3 has been amended. The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 4 is directed to allowable subject matter.

The Examiner rejected independent claim 3 of the present application under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ambrany et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,192,109). For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection and requests the withdrawal thereof.

The Examiner has, generally, attempted to equate the DSL modem disclosed in Ambrany with the high-voltage part claimed by the present invention. However, Applicant respectfully submits that these two devices operate in an entirely different manner. The Ambrany reference merely teaches to adjust the DSL data rate of a DSL modem based on measured line parameters. Such parameters are respectively associated with different operating states of a telephone (i.e., whether the telephone is connected, in an on-hook state, in a hung-up state, etc). Depending on the particular operating state, the data rate of the DSL modem can be adjusted. Moreover, Ambrany teaches that DSL signals and telephone signals be separated, prior to reaching the DSL modem, such that the DSL modem only processes DSL data signals.

Conversely, the claimed invention is directed to a high-voltage part of a subscriber line circuit which is able to process both DSL signals and telephone signals in a parallel fashion. The various operating points of the amplifiers in the high-voltage part for voice and DSL transmission are adjusted by different current values. For data signals which are received in the

high voltage part, such current sources are set to current values which are higher than those current values for exclusive transmission of telephone signals. There is nothing in the Ambrany reference which teaches or suggests, nor even contemplates, any sort of current value adjustments. Indeed, while the Ambrany reference is directed to adjusting the data rate of a DSL modem, the DSL data rate remains constant in the high-voltage part of the present invention.

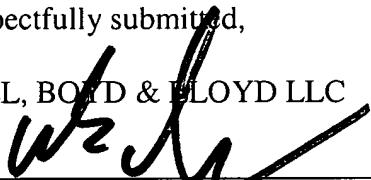
In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3 and 4 of the present application are both patentable over the art of record, and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is further submitted that a three-month extension of time of \$950.00 is due in connection with this response at this time. However, if any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No.: 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (0112740-153) on the account statement.

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